Today Is Our Second Birthday

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How About Some News Real Soon

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CLERGY TO START JUBILEE CELEBRATION

FIELDHOUSE DRIVE HITS $22,000 MARK

NATIONAL OFFICERS TO MEET AFTER EASTER TO PLAN DRIVE FUTURE

The fieldhouse fund, like a giant snowball, accumulated $2,000 in cash and pledges during the month as it rolled to a total of $22,000.

An error appeared in the first paragraph of the drive story in last month's CONTACT. It read: "A little better than one-third of the members of the Alumni Association have donated almost a third of the fieldhouse fund quota."

It should have read. "A little better than one TENTH of the members of the Alumni Association have donated almost a third of the Fieldhouse Fund quota."

Personal contact work has been slowed up since Christmas, because of bad weather. However, shortly after Easter, a meeting of the national officers will be called, and the future of the drive charted.

The fieldhouse now stands completed. The dedication will take place at the first basketball game next season.

Two Alumni Write Magazine Articles

CARTHAGENA, O.—"Rhapsody in Black and White," by Joseph Lima, '35-'39, student at St. Charles' Seminary, appeared in the November issue of **St. Augustine's Messenger.** It was quoted in the January issue of the **Magnificat.**

Joseph Scheuer, '34-'38, also a student at St. Charles, had an article, "Christocracy," in the Feb. 8 issue of the **Catholic Mind.** It had previously been run in the **Nuntius Aulae.**

TWO BUCKEYE EDUCATORS

DR. CON FECHER

A. H. KNAPKE

Fecher And Knapke Rate High In Ohio Educational Circles

DAYTON, O.—A high spot in the field of insurance is held by Dr. Con Fecher, '11-'15, chartered Life Underwriter for the New York Life Insurance Company.

The associate professor of Insurance and Mathematics at the University of Dayton received his Ph. D. from Catholic University in 1927. During that year he completed a book entitled "The Longevity of Members of Religious Sisterhoods," and wrote a magazine article on "The Tuberculosis Death Rate of Sisters."

In 1930 Dr. Fecher completed a report for the National Catholic Educational Association entitled, "Mortality of the Teaching Sisters." This was followed by an article on "The Ten-Finger Rule of Business Insurance." His current study and research is on "The Logevity of Members of the

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MINSTER, O.—The sight of Henry Dues walking through the lake is a mental picture that A. H. Knapke, '98-'02, vice-president of the Alumni Association and president of the Midwestern Ohio Unit, will carry with him all his life.

"It happened right after breakfast," said the local high school principal. "The entire student body and faculty came out to see the event. But the boy wasn't losing his mind or attempting suicide, he was merely earning a $1.40 bet. There had been 14 boys at the breakfast table, and each had dared him to the extent of a dime."

Mr. Knakpe was born on a farm near St. Henry, O. He attended St. Joe from 1899 till 1902. He then taught school at Sharps-

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PRIEST GRADS WILL RETURN APRIL 30

LAYMEN WILL MARK FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY IN SUMMER AND FALL

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The clergy will lead off St. Joseph's Golden Jubilee program with an ecclesiastical celebration here April 30, the feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph.

The clergy and the laymen will have a joint celebration on Alumni Day, early in the summer, and the laymen will have their own celebration at the time of the Homecoming football game in the fall.

The Very Rev. Dr. Joseph Marling, '18-'23, provincial of the Society of the Precious Blood, will sing a Solemn High Mass at 9:30 a. m. The sermon will be delivered by the Rt. Rev. John Francis Noll, D. D., bishop of the diocese of Fort Wayne. After the mass, Bishop Noll will bless the two new residence halls, Noll and Xavier.

A dinner is scheduled for 1 p. m. with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Mungovan, '91-'97, vicar general of the diocese of Fort Wayne, as toastmaster. Bishop Noll will give the invocation.

The principal address on St. Joseph's Place in Catholic Education will be delivered by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Rupert C. Goebel, '99-'03, pastor of St. Peter's Church, Mansfield, O.

The Rev. John F. Cogan, '92-'96, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Hamilton, O., will speak as a representative of the alumni. Father Marling will give a talk as a representative of the Society of the Precious Blood, and the

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The Spirit Grows

The spirit of the alumni is expanding and is becoming stronger as it stretches out. That was proven when the St. Joe baskeball team made its tour of the east last month.

The association was well represented at every game. Alumni not only brought themselves; they also routed out their friends. There were approximately a hundred Puma rooters at Seton Hall, South Orange, N. J., and St. Francis, Brooklyn, N. Y., and about fifty of them at St. Joe, Philadelphia. Did the Puma rooters make themselves heard? Ask any of the boys on the team.

If that spirit continues to grow, there's a glorious future in front of St. Joseph's.

Here are some of the grads that the Rev. Edward Roof, C.PP.S., '18-'23, saw at the games. There were probably many more that he did not meet up with.

At Seton Hall—Vincent Jordan, '23-'24; Joseph Gunderman, '22-'24; and the Revs. Leo Sponar, C.PP.S., '03-'10; Edwin Murphy, C.PP.S., honorary alumnus; Hugh Hasson, C.PP.S., '31-'35; Rudolph Bierberg, C.PP.S., '31-'35; John Samis, C.PP.S., '32-'35; Victor Ranley, C.PP.S., '31-'35; Richard Baird, C. PP.S., '32-'35; Robert Baird, C.PP.S., '25-'26; Francis Mooney, C.PP.S., '25-'31, and Michael Walz, '23-'29.

At St. Francis—Jordan and Fathers Sponar, Walz, Murphy, and Leo Vogt, C.PP.S., '11-'18.

At St. Joseph's—James Cooney, '38-'40, and the Revs. Louis Pottkoetter, C.PP.S., '14-'20; John Hamme, C.PP.S., '31-'34; Leonard Fullenkamp, C.PP.S., '27-'28 and '29-'33; Cletus Foltz, C.PP.S., '25-'27; Richard Baird, C.PP.S., '32-'35.

Don't Be Stingy

We celebrate our second birthday with this issue. CONTACT was started in March, 1939.

We know it isn't polite to ask for a birthday gift, but we are going to. We are going to ask you to send some news about yourself. If you enclose a picture, we'll consider it an extra-special gift. And if you also enclose some anecdotes from your student days, it will be an extra super-special gift. If you want some ideas as to what we mean, read the stories in this issue about A. H. Knapke, Con Fecher, and F. C. Quirk.

You enjoy reading about your old classmates; they enjoy reading about you. So don't be selfish. Let your classmates hear all about what your doing. Your letter, like the quality of mercy, will be twice blessed—it will be a birthday gift to us, and a source of enjoyment to your friends.

Lend A Hand

Alumni can be of great help to the Rev. Clement Falter, C.PP.S., St. Joseph College professor, who will canvass approximately one hundred Catholic high schools in Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, and Wisconsin, to explain Collegeville's setup to students who might be interested in enrolling.

Alumni can assist Father Falter by giving him the names of students who are interested in going away to college.

Besides preparing a lecture on "Vocations and Careers in Life," Father Falter also made use of a questionnaire which he passed out to the students in order to facilitate the immense amount of tedious work that he will encounter on the road.

He will also show movies made at St. Joseph's during the various phases of college life.

The windows in the chapel bear the names of quite a few alumni.

In the vestibule are two windows, one donated by Mr. and Mrs. John J. Scharf, he was here from '91-'97, and the other was a gift of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas M. Conroy, '91-'96.

The St. Lawrence window was given in memory of Edward J. Pryor, '01-'06. Students of his day will recall that he was the young man who died on the eve of commencement.

The St. Philip Neri window was given by George and the Rev. William Arnold. The former was here from '99 to '03, and the latter from '24 to '25.

Students of the Society of the Precious Blood gave the window of St. John Berchmans.

A window depicting a scene from the Old Testament was donated by the parents of August J. Kistner, '07-'09. Young Kistner died while yet a student, May 23, 1909. In the window is the picture of a youth holding a box. The face of that youth is a reproduction from one of Kistner's photographs.

The Rev. August Seifert, C.PP.S., donated the window of St. Augustine.

The windows of St. Bernard and St. Charles Borromeo probably never had donors, because there is no name plate on them.

Edward C. Baltz, '37-'38, writes: "I entered the army on March 1, and am a private in the Service Troop, Sixth Cavalry, at Fort Oglethrope, Ga. I'm surely thankful for my year of training at St. Joe. It's helping me a lot here."

THE ROUNDUP *by* Coach Joe Dienhart

THREE SCHEDULES, baseball, tennis, and football were released this week by the athletic department.

BASEBALL 1941

April 9	WABASH	H
April 15	PURDUE	T
April 19	BUTLER	T
April 26	EARLHAM	H
April 28	INDIANA STATE	H
May 3	CHICAGO TEACHERS	H
May 6	ILLINOIS WESLEYAN	T
May 9	CENTRAL NORMAL	H
May 10	DEPAUW	T
May 16	CENTRAL NORMAL	T
May 17	BUTLER	H
May 20	CHICAGO TEACHERS	T
May 22	WABASH	T
May 23	INDIANA STATE	T
May 27	ILLINOIS WESLEYAN	H

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TENNIS 1941

April 26	EARLHAM	H
May 10	DEPAUW	T
May 17	MANCHESTER, VALPO AND ST. JOE at Manchester.	
May 22	WABASH	T
May 23	INDIANA STATE	T

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FOOTBALL 1941

Sept. 19	BUTLER	T
Sept. 27	TOLEDO	T
Oct. 5	LORAS	T
Oct. 11	CENTRAL NORMAL	H
Oct. 18	ILLINOIS WESLEYAN	T
Oct. 25	DETROIT TECH	T
Nov. 1	CARROLL	H
Nob. 9	ST. NORBERT'S	H
Nov. 20	VALPARAISO	H

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The St. Joe basketball team closed its season with fourteen victories and seven defeats.

The Pumas won over Valparaiso twice, Central Normal twice, Huntington College, Illinois Wesleyan, Illinois State Normal, Loras College, St. Norbert's College, Carroll College, University of Mexico, Xavier University, John Carroll University, St. Francis College.

They lost to Purdue, Toledo University, Dayton University, Seton Hall, St. Joseph's, of Philadelphia, Illinois Wesleyan, Evansville College.

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THE BOXING TEAM fought to a 3-3 tie with Valparaiso and with Purdue's Golden Gloves team.

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Neal Mosser continued to hold the title of highest scorer in the history of Indiana basketball when he closed the season with a 364 total. This is 64 points better than the record he hung up last year.

DIES IN CRASH

GEORGE J. CONROY

A popular St. Joe alumnus, George J. Conroy, '17-'18, met death on a southern highway, February 5. The prominent young Clarksville, Tenn., businessman was killed instantly when the car which he was driving telescoped with another on Highway 41, just outside of his home town. His fellow passenger, the Rev. William Wiley, also of Clarksville, suffered serious injuries.

The following editorial was published in the Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle:

"This whole community was shocked last night by the tragic accident in which George Conroy, prominent and popular young business man was killed, and Father William Wiley, pastor of the Catholic Church, was seriously injured.

"George Conroy was a high type gentleman, courteous, friendly and able. He faced a bright future as president of The Elder-Conroy Hardware Company, to which position he was elected when only 36 years of age. He was active in the church to which he belonged, loyal to the friends he numbered by the hundreds, and fair and honest in his business life.

"This community suffered a great loss in the death of one of its young business and civic leaders, who in the 39 years in which he lived, had given much to Clarksville."

George's brother, John, attended St. Joe from 1915 until 1918.

Cook County Chapter Chief Tells All In Document To Editor

In a letter charged with humor, F. C. Quirk, Jr., '21-'23, president of the Cook County Chapter, wrote an autobiography that makes Ben Franklin's look anemic by comparison.

By closing our eyes and jabbing a pencil at the letter, we finally determine to start at this paragraph:

"I play golf in the summer, and bridge, pinochle, checkers and bingo in the winter. In between time I am a painting and decorating contractor. I learned the work by stages from an apprentice boy to estimator and superintendent for one of the big shops in Chicago. In 1936 I went completely nuts and founded the Quirk Decorating Service. Now I have the responsibility of making a living for myself and fifteen loyal employees.

"And another big thing happened in my life in 1936. A young lady named Mary Jane, for some foclish reason, decided to say, 'yes.' It seems she has no regrets, because she shovels the snow off the walks around our home that we and the mortgage company own up on the north side.

"Greatest thrill of my life came when I was elected president of the local chapter. That action came from the hearts of real fellows. We old timers here take our St. Joe serious. I'm thrilled at the chance to be the leader of this swell gang to help preach the 'Go to St. Joe' to the world. In that way we are able to pay, in a small way, the moral debt we owe our alma mater for our early training. By heck, I contribute whatever humble success I have, or may have, to the training I received on the campus."

Alumnus Quirk vows that being elected head of the Cook County Unit was even a greater thrill than being elected the youngest vice-president the Painting and Decorating Contractors Association ever had.

Quirk tells the following yarn about his student days:

It was the playoff game for the Junior League championship, and the Dumbsox were pitted against the Pirates. The ninth inning found the Dumbsox taking their last turn at bat with the score 5-4 against them and two men out. Oscar Sieben, Dumbsox captain, was on third base waiting to gallop home with the tying

F. C. QUIRK

run. Butch Reardon was on second with the winning run in his hip pocket.

But lo, Quirk was at bat. The first two pitches were low. Then Quirk fouled off a few to make the count two and two. The next pitch was wide at the plate by a foot. Much to everyone's surprise, Father Bart, the umpire, boomed, "strike three!" The little Chicagoan began to rant at the top of his voice. Reardon and Sieben started edging him toward the gym. He even raved at the base umpire, Father Condon.

"That pitch was a foot outside," Quirk shouted.

"Sure it was," agreed Reardon. "It was two feet out. But it proves the old boy's eyes aren't what they used to be. Bad eyes are bad for an umpire, but for a prefect, they're perfect."

"Sure," said Sieben, "what's a mere ball game when we learned something as important as that."

Alumnus Stationed At Fort Bliss

FORT BLISS, Tex.—Joseph H. Gigandet, '33-'34, is a member of the 202d Coast Artillery here. His name is scheduled to go before the board for a commission as Second Lieutenant.

HERE *and* THERE

Here are a few changes you might insert in your Alumni Directory:

We heard only recently that the Rev. Joseph J. Gooley, '23-'25, chaplain of St. Aloysius Academy, New Lexington, O., was killed in an auto accident last fall.

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Tom McCrate, '32-'34, Ohio State Patrolman who formerly was stationed at Portsmouth, now works out of Grove City.

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The Rev. William Conces, '29-'34, is assistant at St. Catherine's Parish, Toledo, O.

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Dr. Edward H. Hegen, '22-'23, now lives in New Riegel, O.

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Another death that did not come to the attention of the Alumni Office until recently was that of Alphonse Roth, '95-'97, of Akron. which occurred in 1937.

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The Rev. Lawrence Schmeider, '25-'26, is a chaplain on the USS. Pensacola, now at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

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Jerre Haugh, '18-'19, of Delphi, Ind., now brings home the bacon by working for the Great Western Beef Co., of Chicago. The beefy beef truster covers hotels, clubs and restaurants in Indiana as a salesman. He dropped in recently at the campus with a friend of his, Mark McGovern, a car dealer from Sturgis, Mich.

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Paul A. Weaver, '33-'38, is a field representative for the Universal Credit Co., Saginaw, Mich.

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M. A. Rooney, '11-'12, is the head of the Golden Rule Insurance Association, Lawrenceville, Indiana.

Grad Hurt In Fall

The Rev. Joseph Green, '25-'27, chaplain of St. Mary's of the Springs Academy, Fond du Lac, Wis., suffered a painful injury last month when he fainted during the celebration of Mass. In falling he struck his head on the terrazzo floor, and sustained a concussion of the brain.

St. Joe Commerce Club Founds Publication For Former Members

Alumni who are former members of the Commerce Club will be receiving a monthly paper, **Commerce Notes,** published by members of the organization.

Here are some of the facts about graduate members of the club:

At present, John Morrison, of Youngstown, O., better known as Gloomy Gus, is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

The latest report on the two "C" boys from the two "W" town—William Curosh, of Whiting, and James H. Cooney, of Woodstock— indicates that they are making fine progress. Bill is gainfully employed at American Trust and Savings Bank, of Whiting. Jim is continuing his scholarly endeavors at Catholic University's School of Law.

It appears that James Fitzmaurice, of Winchester, Ind., intends to live a brief life of leisure before he answers the call of business. Jim left for the south, February 10.

Robert Nemetz is employed in a department store in Sheboygan, Wis., and is attending night school for the expressed purpose of acquiring a better knowledge of finance.

When last heard from, John Dunn was recovering from several smashed fingers received while working at the National Machinery Co., Tiffin, O. From some reports, John is to be marrid to Betty in the summer.

Bob Gutting is employed at the Fosdick Machine Tool Company, Cincinnati, O., as Accounts Payable clerk and typist. Uncle Sam has him slated for an early draft.

Thomas Anderson, last year's president of the Commerce Club, is working in the accounting department of a steel mill, in Cicero, Ill.

The Rev. Albert Gordon, C.PP. S., club moderator, announced that any alumnus who cares to attend the Commerce banquet will be more than welcome. The affair will be held either March 18 or 20th. A definite announcement will be held March 20, in the dining hall of St. Augustine's church. Reservations may be made through Edward Ancel, the club's president. Principal speaker at the dinner will be Ray Kock, head of industrial relations department of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana.

A. H. KNAPKE RECALLS STUDENT'S ODD SWIM

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burg until 1905, when he returned to Collegeville to continue his normal course and to receive his diploma with the class of '07.

He taught school for one year in the country, and was married in '08. For the past 29 years he has been teacher and organist in Minster.

The Ohio alumnus has 11 children, two of them alumni of St. Joe. Father Paul, '25-'29, is an instructor at St. Charles Seminary, and Luke, '34-'37, is teaching at Chickasaw, O.

CLERGY TO START JUBILEE CELEBRATION

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Very Rev. Dr. Aloys Dirksen, C.PP.S., '14-'20, will talk as a representative of the college.

Invitations will be sent to all clerical members of the Alumni Association, and to the pastors of St. Joe students, whether they be alumni or not.

GUEST SPEAKER

MSGR. R. C. GOEBEL

Principal speaker at the clergy's Golden Jubilee banquet, April 30, will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Rupert C. Goebel, '99-'03, pastor of St. Peter's Church, Mansfield, O. (Story on Page One).

POPULAR GRAD

REV. ANTHONY TRASER

One of the most popular students ever to walk on the St. Joe campus, the Rev. Anthony Traser, '32-'34, is now assistant pastor at St. Rose Church, Milwaukee. His great sense of humor and his uncanny ability as an imitator made him a walking three-ring circus.

Danehy Lauds Science Course At St. Joseph's

Robert J. Danehy, '33-'39, now a medical student at the University of St. Louis, sang the praises of the St. Joe Science Department as they have often been sung before. He wrote to the Rev. Clarence Kroeckel, '18-'23, head of the department:

"Your histology course is still one of the best as was shown by the grades the St. Joe boys made on the slide quizzes in histology and pathology. I would suggest that when you teach the course next year, if possible, give the boys a real workout in the blood elements and the tissue elements. No matter how much you give them, you can still give them more. They may not like it while they are taking the course, but when they get into medical school, they will be darn glad they got a good going over in cellular elements. The reason is that in pathology we have to be able to recognize all the elements at a glance.

"But don't ever kid yourself on the fact that your course is not a good one. I nave seen what some of the fellows around here know about their tissues. If I recall, I did not set any record in your classes, but still my low grade seems to be a lot more important than that of a lot of these fellows around here who got high grades, because they still don't know one tissue from another. If your course remains the same, none of the St. Joe boys will ever have any trouble in their tissue courses. I'm telling you this because it's the truth, and not because I'm trying to flatter you."

The St. Joe Science Department has the following spectacular record: Every Collegeville premed student who has been recommended by the department has always been accepted by a med school.

Alumnus Gives Books To College

A crate of medical books were sent here recently by Dr. Charles Daniel, '97-'98 and '02-'03, of Tiffin, O., as a gift to the Science Department.

The collection included five volumes on Endrocrinology and Metabolism by Barker; Principles and Practice of Obstetrics by DeLee; eight volumes of American Practice and Surgery by Bryant and Buck; Nervous Diseases and Psychiatry by Dane; Manual of Practice of Medicine by Stevens, and the Treatment of Disease by Wilcox.

Dr. Daniel's son Arthur, '36-'39, is now in St. Louis Medical school; his son Luke is at present making a name for himself around St. Joe for his interest in dramatics and aviation.

CON FECHER ADVANCES IN BUCKEYE EDUCATION

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Catholic Clergy."

The St. Joe alumnus is a Knight of Columbus, Pi Gamma Mu, and holds membership in the Bellarmine Society, Laymen's Retreat Movement, Community Chest Association, College of Chartered Life Underwriters, The American Statistical Society, the National Association of Life Underwriters, and the American Society of Teachers of Insurance.

He is the father of three sons and two daughters.